

estimates of disinvestment proceeds for the next five years; year-wise or region-wise have been made.

Central Assistance to Maharashtra for Urban Development Bodies

1288. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tenth Finance Commission has recommended Central Assistance of Rs. 33.24 crores for four years from 1996-97 for Urban Development Bodies;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra has received only Rs. 41.55 crores leaving a balance of Rs. 58.17 crores under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The Tenth Finance Commission has recommended for the Urban Local Bodies of Maharashtra a total grant of Rs. 132.95 crores for the years 1996-97 to 1999-2000 (Rs. 33.24 crores for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1999-2000 and Rs. 33.23 crores for 1998-99). A sum of Rs. 99.71 crores has already been released. The balance to be released is Rs. 33.24 crores which can be released on completion of the requirements stipulated in the guidelines.

Cut In Non-Development Expenditure

†1289. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to make deductions in the non-developmental expenses for minimising the gap in budgetary loss during 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the extent to which the non-developmental expenditure is estimated to be more or less in comparison to the developmental expenditure of the country after this decision; and

(c) the extent to which non-developmental expenditure is targetted

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